

## **CMA-WEST SUPPORTS CONTINUED CLOSURE OF PUEBLO CHEMICAL AGENT-DESTRUCTION PILOT PLANT**

### **Our Mission**

With the destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile stored at Pueblo Chemical Depot (PCD), Colorado, now complete, the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Activity (CMA) turns its focus to support the closure and demolition of the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant (PCAPP).

### **History**

CMA personnel ensured the safe storage of the PCD chemical stockpile and the safe transfer of those munitions to PCAPP for destruction. PCAPP, part of the Program Executive Office, Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, completed destruction of the stockpile of 780,089 chemical weapons on June 22, 2023. PCD was deactivated on September 12, 2024, completing an 82-year history.

### **PCAPP Closure**

PCAPP closure will take approximately three years. Closure involves decontamination and decommissioning of facilities and equipment, disposition of property, demolition of facilities not required for future U.S. Army use, and closure of government contracts and environmental permits in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

A contingent of CMA employees will support CMA-West, providing life, health and safety support to PCAPP operations until all conditions have been met for turnover to Base Realignment and Closure.

CMA-West maintains the capabilities to support PCAPP closure in a safe, environmentally compliant manner.



*Workers destroyed more than 780,000 mustard agent-filled projectiles and mortar rounds at the Pueblo Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant, a tenant of the now-deactivated Pueblo Chemical Depot. The stockpile at PCD, which comprised eight percent of the original U.S. chemical weapons stockpile, was safely stored by PCD personnel.*

### **CMA History**

During its history, CMA closed seven Army chemical weapons disposal facilities where chemical stockpile destruction was completed. They are Aberdeen Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, in 2007; Johnston Atoll Chemical Agent Disposal System in 2009; Newport Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Newport Chemical Depot, Indiana, in 2010; Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Arkansas, in 2013; Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Anniston Army Depot, Alabama, and Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Tooele Army Depot, Utah, in 2014; and Umatilla Chemical Agent Disposal Facility at Umatilla Chemical Depot, Oregon, in 2015.

CMA work continues at Blue Grass Army Depot, where CMA's Blue Grass Chemical Activity is supporting closure of the Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant.